



Deputy Director
for Administration


87-0607
24 March 1987

The Honorable Ronald I. Spiers
Under Secretary for Management
Department of State

Ron:

Just to demonstrate that we did follow through, enclosed are copies of the letters Bob Gates sent to the individuals in Congress you suggested we correspond with on your behalf.

Regards,


William F. Donnelly

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Washington, D.C. 20505

19 March 1987

The Honorable William H. Gray, III
Chairman
Committee on Budget
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the Intelligence Community, I endorse the Department of State's request for a supplemental appropriation in FY 1987 and encourage you and members of your committee to support this legislation.

I realize the importance of a sustained effort to reduce the budget deficit and the necessity for every agency to play its role. In fact, because of reduced 1987 funding levels, the Department has already severely curtailed domestic and overseas support activities that are carried out on behalf of all elements of an embassy. Further reductions currently being contemplated by the Department--including cuts in overseas personnel, compensation paid to foreign nationals, less support for other US agencies, and additional post closings--would, in my judgment, impinge directly and seriously on our ability to collect vital foreign intelligence.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, the activities of the US Intelligence Community are being adversely affected by the financial constraints that the Department of State now faces. This situation will worsen unless steps are taken to help the Department. Approval of the supplemental will assist State and also indirectly help the Intelligence Community to continue to discharge its duties. We urge its approval.

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Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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Committee on Foreign Affairs
House of Representatives
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State and the Judiciary
Committee on Appropriations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Ranking Minority Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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